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Applicant

: James H. Coleman, et al.

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Examiner

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Mail Stop Amendment

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Commissioner:

Reasons for allowance are only warranted in instances in which the record of the prosecution as a whole does not make clear his or her reasons for allowing a claim or claims. In the present case, Applicant believes the record as a whole does make the reasons for allowance clear and therefore no statement by the Examiner is necessary or warranted. Furthermore, Applicant does not necessarily agree with each statement in the reasons for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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